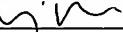




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RESPONSE

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004.

In response to the Office Action Applicants elect, without traverse, species B (readable on claims 13, 15 and 16). Claim 11 was noted as generic, as such, claims 11, 13, 15 and 16 should be examined. All remaining claims are withdrawn from further consideration at this time.

Applicants wish to note to the examiner that there appeared to be a typo to the Detailed Action. In particular, the Examiner's recitations of the figures corresponding to the species appeared incorrect. Applicants submit species A was readable on Fig. 3C, species B was readable on Fig. 3A and species C was readable on Fig. 3B.

Applicants briefly discuss the current situation with the Examiner on a phone call on July 22. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (707) 566-1746 to resolve any issues to speed passage of the case to issuance.

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